

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DISPLAYING EVENT RELATED ELECTRONIC
PROGRAM GUIDE DATA ON INTELLIGENT REMOTE DEVICES

ABSTRACT

5 A method and system for displaying event related program content and
program guide data are disclosed. Upon the occurrence of an event such as a channel
selection or change input, event related program content is displayed on a display
coupled to an information handling system that functions as a host device and a tuning
device for tuning to channels on which program content is broadcast. The
10 information handling system further includes electronic program guide (EPG) data
that includes program information for available programs. A portion of the EPG data
that is related to the event being displayed is transmitted to a remote device that is
capable of displaying the event related program guide data on a display of the remote
device. The remote device allows a user to view and to browse event related program
15 guide data on the remote device display such that the viewability of program content
displayed on the display coupled to the information handling system is maximized,
and any interference with the viewability of the program content is minimized. A bi-
directional communications link is provided between the remote device and the
information handling system and may be an infrared or radio-frequency link. The
20 user may thereby browse event related programming information for other channels
without detracting from the present channel, and may browse for event related
programming information for the present channel over a predetermined time interval.